



MANHATTAN COLLEGE

VICE PRESIDENT
MISSION

Dr. William Merriman
Distinguished Lasallian-Educator
2000-2001

Ever since you arrived on Manhattan's campus your freshman year in 1969, it has been perfectly obvious that you are a very special person. Your work ethic, leadership skills, and sincere interest in the dignity and welfare of students, faculty, and other professionals have carried you through the academic ranks to the position of Dean of the School of Education and Human Services. These professional attributes and achievements have always been enriched by your commitment to gospel values. Jesus never said more gracious words than "you are my friend," and you have been a true and steadfast friend to thousands of students, teachers, and disabled adults and children. You have been a valuable contributor to the academic and value-based mission of the College, notably in your leadership of and selfless commitment to Project Champ, Project Sport, and The Manhattan College Games, all aimed at improving the quality of life for the mentally challenged and the physically disabled child, adult, and senior citizen. Your energetic teaching and "open door" administrative style have shown concern for the person of each student and faculty member, and you have been successful in upholding the proud Catholic identity of the College. In all these efforts, you have exemplified the traits so evident in the life and educational vision of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. You are, in short, a friend, an exemplary educator, and an administrator who is both distinguished and genuinely Lasallian.